

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : MEEHAN et al.  
Serial No. : 09/873,567  
Filed : 06/04/2001  
Atty. Docket : US010229  
Group Art Unit : 2611  
Examiner : Khanh C. Tran  
Conf. No. : 4213

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2006, please amend the application as follows: